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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-13 and 16-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-13 and 16-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                     | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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/Jerome Grant II/

### Detailed Action

1.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-3, 5-13, and 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Okada.

With respect to claim 1, Okada teaches a method of distributing a fax, said method comprising: receiving said fax (via LAN 213 or net fax 212 (as sent to a specified phone number of each intended recipient of said facsimile – this is taught by figures 9 and 10, paragraph 19 and the Abstract at lines 11-16- note that each address to which a facsimile is directed will reach the intended recipient fax by the telephone number assigned to the fax machine); storing said facsimile on a storage medium 5 at a specific

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location( in net fax 212); identifying an Internet enabled device (client computer 211) associated with the intended recipient of said fax, said Internet enabled device independently selected from a group consisting of : e-mail printers (210, 212) web server printer 1; e-mail print servers 210 and 212, and a web browser enabled printer 210 or 212; notifying each identified Internet enable device of said specific location (see paragraphs 19, 21 and 24) for said saved fax so that the identified Internet enabled device can later retrieve said saved fax from the specific location (para. 71) such notification made via notification message to the enabled device (see para. 71, lines 1-3), the notification message not contained the saved fax. See also figures 2 and 24.

With respect to claim 2, Okada teaches each Internet enabled device of the specific location (e-mail address) comprises sending the enabled device an e-mail identifying the specific location. See paragraphs 64 and 68.

With respect to claim 3, Okada teaches this limitation in that it is inherent by paragraph 71.

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With respect to claim 5, Okada teaches sending the fax to a registered address 211; retrieving the fax (from net fax 212) (as sent to a specified phone number of each intended recipient of said facsimile – this is taught by figures 9 and 10, paragraph 19 and the Abstract at lines 11-16- note that each address to which a facsimile is directed will reach the intended recipient fax by the telephone number assigned to the fax machine); determining (via LAN) a set of intended recipients (plural PC users, shown by figure 3); storing said facsimile on a storage medium 5 at a specific location( in net fax 212); notifying each identified Internet enable device of said specific location (see paragraphs 19, 21 and 24) for said saved fax so that the identified Internet enabled device can later retrieve said saved fax from the specific location (para. 71) such notification made via notification message to the enabled device (see para. 71, liens 1-3), the notification message not contained the saved fax. See also figures 2 and 24. Okada teaches identifying an Internet enabled device (client computer 211) associated with the intended recipient of said fax, said Internet enabled device independently selected from a group consisting of : e-mail printers (210, 212) web server printer 1

With respect to claim 6, the registered address is the address of the net fax.

With respect to claim 7, Okada teaches the fax distribution center comprising a computer program (stored in ROM 32, RAM 33) , saving and sending faxes, sending e-mails, and determining recipients of saved faxes. See page 5 and paragraph 73.

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With respect to claims 8 and 11, Okada teaches wherein the registered address is selected from the group consisting of phone numbers (see para. 75), e-mail addresses (see paragraph 74 and URLs, see host or domain names information which his is shown in figures 5 and 6.

With respect to claim 9, see figure 7 which shows the claimed features.

With respect to claim 10, see figures 7 and 8 which show the claimed features.

With respect to claim 12, see figure 7.

With respect to claim 13, see figures 7 and 8. Note that data is stored on memory 5.

With respect to claim 16, Okada teaches notifying each identified Internet enable device of said specific location (see paragraphs 19, 21 and 24) for said saved fax so that the identified Internet enabled device can later retrieve said saved fax from the specific location (para. 71) such notification made via notification message to the enabled device (see para. 71, lines 1-3), the notification message not contained the saved fax. See also figures 2 and 24. Okada teaches activating an enabled Internet device to retrieve the fax from the storage, see (para. 71).

With respect to claim 17, see printer 44 of figure 12 or 210 and 211 of figures 24.

With respect to claim 18, Okada teaches a system for distributing faxes, said system comprising: a fax distribution center (net fax 212) for receiving faxes, sending faxes, and sending notifications. Okada teaches 212 as sent to a specified phone number of each intended recipient of said facsimile – this is taught by figures 9 and 10, paragraph 19 and the Abstract at lines 11-16- note that each address to which a facsimile is directed will reach the intended recipient fax by the telephone number assigned to the fax machine. Okada teaches ); identifying an Internet enabled device (client computer 211) associated with the intended recipient of said fax, said Internet enabled device independently selected from a group consisting of : e-mail printers (210, 212) web server printer 1 and notifying each identified Internet enable device of said specific location (see paragraphs 19, 21 and 24) for said saved fax so that the identified Internet enabled device can later retrieve said saved fax from the specific location (para. 71) such notification made via notification message to the enabled device (see para. 71, lines 1-3), the notification message not contained the saved fax. See also figures 2 and 24. Okada teaches a storage media 5 for storing saved faxes for a distribution center; and a database (table 7 and 8) stored in 5 for determining intended recipients.



With respect to claim 19, Okada teaches a fax center comprising at least one computer program stored on ROM 32 or RAM 33, for receiving faxes, accessing the data based to determine an Internet enable device recipient, and notifying the device by e-mail. Moreover, Okada teaches notifying each identified Internet enable device of said specific location (see paragraphs 19, 21 and 24) for said saved fax so that the identified Internet enabled device can later retrieve said saved fax from the specific location (para. 71) such notification made via notification message to the enabled device (see para. 71, lines 1-3), the notification message not contained the saved fax. See also figures 2 and 24.

With respect to claim 20, Okada teaches at least one computer program via ROM 32 or RAM 33 for receiving faxes, saving faxes (in a memory 5) and sending notification messages (see paragraph 60, 61 and 68) and at least one communication port for communicating with the Internet or a phone line (via LAN 225).

### **Examiner's Remarks**

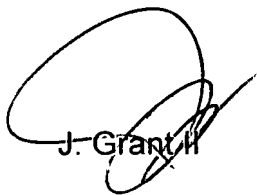
The amendment, by RCE, only clarifies the claims but does not affect the scope since the limitation was contemplated in the previous amendments and is inherent with respect to the present invention as well as the prior art. For example, it is inherent that for as many telephone numbers of the recipient fax machines have been designated, will indeed be recipients of fax data if the transmitting fax (ifax) has designated those recipient machines, whether it is through polling or in seriatim. See also for example, Okada teaches the claimed matter in figures 9, 10 and paragraph 19 of Okada.

2.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerome Grant II whose telephone number is 571-272-7463. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Coles, can be reached on 571-272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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